

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are at issue. No claims have been allowed. Independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended. The claims have been rejected under § 112. The Examiner has indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the formal rejections under § 112.

1. § 112 Rejections

In the February 26, 2003, Official Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to recite sufficient structural elements and interconnection of the elements. Responsive thereto, independent claims 1 and 7 now positively recite structure, viz., a “connection mechanism” that interconnects the other claimed elements. Antecedent basis for the “connection mechanism” is found in Applicant’s specification at page 6, lines 1-2, and page 7, lines 4-5. Also responsive to the Examiner rejection, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to replace the terms “attachable” and “storable” with terms which more positively define the structural relationship among the claimed elements.

On April 24, 2003, the Examiner and the undersigned conducted a telephone interview in which amended claim 1 was discussed in view of the rejections under § 112 and the prior art of record. It was generally agreed that the amendment of claim 1 to positively recite the “connection mechanism” overcomes the § 112 rejections. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview.

2. Amendment to Specification

The edits to the specification were necessary to correct typographical errors and to comport with the drawing corrections required by the Examiner, discussed below. The amendments to the specification are fully supported by the original specification and drawings. The changes merely clarify what was shown or described in the specification and drawings as filed. No new matter has been added.

3. *Amendment to Drawings*

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.83 as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims and has required corrected drawings. Responsive thereto, a set of corrected, formal drawings is submitted herewith.

Specifically, claims 5 and 10 call for the wheels being attachable to the base and second table top. The detachable feature was originally shown in the drawings with reference to Fig. 1, in which wheels 26 are attached and Fig. 2, in which wheels 26 are shown exploded away. The original specification, page 8, lines 6-10, describes a receptacle into which removable wheels 26 are inserted, although the drawings do not illustrate the receptacles.

The drawings of the present application illustrate a wheel 26 that is recognized to one skilled in the art as having a stem that simply slides into a receptacle. The novel feature of claims 5 and 10 relates to the wheel being attachable to the table top and the base, rather than the various methods known in the art to accomplish the removable attachment.

In response to the Examiner's objection, Fig. 5 has been corrected to show stems 27 of receptacles 107 in top 18, as described in the specification. In Fig. 2, reference numeral 27 has been added to the stems of wheels 26, receptacles 29 are now shown in phantom in base 12, and the specification amended to refer to the same.

All of the features now illustrated in the drawings are fully supported by the original specification and drawings. The changes merely clarify what was shown or described in the specification and drawings as filed. No new matter has been added.

4. *Copy of reference cited on IDS*

Per the Examiner's request, enclosed herewith is a copy of the web page referenced in Applicant's IDS submitted to the USPTO on April 5, 2002.

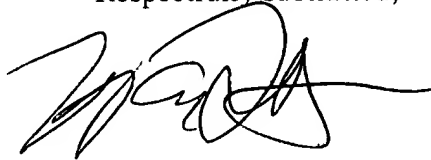
5. *Conclusion*

Applicant believes that all outstanding issues have now been resolved by this Amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

The Examiner is also advised of the applicant's attorney's new contact information, as set forth in the signature block, below. Please enter the new contact information into the file.

If any question regarding this application should arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 317 684 5399.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael C. Bartol', with a stylized, cursive script.

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